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TOPIC Cottbus Airfield

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1. There was little flying at Cottbus airfield between 6 and 14 May 1951. Trucks with the Russian inscription "driving school" on the rear were repeatedly seen in the vicinity of the field. One truck numbered [redacted] was occupied by six air force soldiers. An officer, wearing red service color, was sitting next to the air force driver.

2. Between 9 and 9:45 p.m. on 14 May, no aircraft were observed outside the closed and dimly lighted hangars. A searchlight, which rotated at an angle of about 90 degrees, was seen in the vicinity of Kolkwitz (N 52/A 47). \* After 10 p.m. a rotary searchlight flashed for 5 minutes. Each rotation took approximately 8 seconds. Its location could not be determined.

3. Between 2 and 3 p.m. on 18 May, 24 twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assemblies of the same type previously seen were parked in front of the hangars. All hangars were closed except one. There was no flying. Three ground attack aircraft of IL-10 type flew over Cottbus at an altitude of about 400 meters. No jet aircraft have been seen at the field. [redacted]

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\* [redacted] Comment. The searchlight is situated near the landing beacon in the vicinity of Kolkwitz.

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\* [redacted] Comment. The airfield is still occupied by a bomber regiment. [redacted]

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